

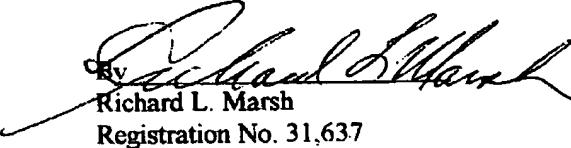
REMARKS:

This amendment is for the purpose of electing a group of claims between two groups determined by the Examiner to be distinct though the groups of claims are related as combination and subcombination. The Examiner holds that the groups of claims are distinct as the combination does not require the particulars of the subcombination and that the subcombination has utility by itself or in other combinations. Accordingly, Applicant elects Group I, claims 1 - 18 for prosecution in this application, cancels claims 19 - 20 in Group II thus compiling with the election requirement advanced by the Examiner based upon 35 U.S.C. 121.

In view of the above, an Action on the merits of this application, as amended, and an allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

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